

Municipalities of Hannuit, Sint Truiden, Landen, Lincent, Gingelom and Hélécine team up with Electrabel, SUEZ Group, to build the largest onshore wind farm in Belgium

The municipalities of Hannuit, Sint Truiden, Landen, Lincent, Gingelom and Hélécine signed an agreement with Electrabel to invest jointly in the largest wind power project in Belgium so far, with 20 turbines each having a capacity of 2 to 3 megawatts (MW), representing a total of 40 to 50 MW.

This wind project is an initiative of Electrabel in which the municipalities concerned wish to participate financially, subject of course to the approval of the respective municipal councils. This step clearly demonstrates the willingness of the parties to support the development of sustainable electricity generation, and confirms Electrabel's position as the largest producer of renewable energy in Belgium.

The planning permission process for the project will start in the very near future, and the turbines will enter operation gradually from 2010 onwards. Once the wind farm is complete it will produce between 100 000 and 140 000 MWh/year (enough to supply 40 000 households) and avoid CO₂ emissions of around 60 000 tonnes annually.

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